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FOR AMBASSADOR BUNKER

FOLLOWING SENT SECSTATE WASHDC INFO GOV PAN CANAL USCINCSO
DEPT OF ARMY WASHDC FROM PANAMA 15 MAY 74:

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L PANAMA 2756

S/S-O PASS TO AMBASSADOR BUNKER FROM BELL;
DEPT OF ARMY FOR AMBASSADOR KOREN;
STATE/ARA FOR AMBASSADOR BOWDLER;
STATE/L FOR MR FELDMAN.

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SUBJ: US-PANAMA TREATY NEGOTIATIONS: REPORT OF
DEVELOPMENTS-- STATUS OF WORKING PAPERS AT THE
DEPUTY NEGOTIATOR LEVEL (11:00 PM 5/14/74).

I.

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THE FOREIGN MINISTER AND HIS TREATY ADVISORY COUNCIL HAVE

APPROVED THE MAJOR-ISSUES PAPER PREPARED BY THE DEPUTY NEGOTIATORS DATED 5/10/74. THE ONLY SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES IN THE DEPUTIES' PAPER WERE AT THE INITIATIVE OF THE U S. THEY DERIVED FROM THE HELPFUL, IF UNCOORDINATED, SUGGESTIONS RECEIVED FROM WASHINGTON AGENCIES.

II.

THE CHANGES - REPEAT CHANGES - IN THE 5/10/74 DOCUMENT ARE AS FOLLOWS, WITH EXPLANATORY COMMENTS:

PRINCIPLE THREE

MAJOR ISSUES:

1. THE QUESTION OF ALL ASPECTS RELATIVE TO JURISDICTION. (COMMENT: I HAD SENT SIGNALS OF RELUCTANCE ABOUT SPECIFYING CRIMINAL AND CIVIL JURISDICTION AS THE MOST IMPORTANT ASPECT OF THE JURISDICTIONAL QUESTION. THE MINISTER AGREED THAT WAS EXCESSIVELY RESTRICTIVE.)

DEPUTIES' COMMENTS:

1. DELETE THE WORD "GENERAL" BEFORE "JURISDICTION OVER PANAMANIAN TERRITORY." (COMMENT: NO SUBSTANTIVE SIGNIFICANCE.)

2. CHANGE "PRINCIPLE" TO "PRINCIPLES." (COMMENT: I HAD MADE THE POINT THAT THE CONCEPT DID NOT APPEAR IN THIS PARTICULAR PRINCIPLE BUT WAS INHERENT IN THEIR TOTALITY OF THE STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES.)

PRINCIPLE FOUR

MAJOR ISSUES:

1. DELETE THE WORDS "BY BOTH PARTIES." (COMMENT: I HAD MADE THE POINT THAT THIS JOINTNESS WAS IMPLICIT.) (I ALSO CONSIDERED THAT THE SUBSTITUTIONAL LANGUAGE CONFIDENTIAL

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SUGGESTED FOR THE LAST SENTENCE OF THIS ISSUE WOULD HAVE BEEN COUNTERPRODUCTIVE TO THE PROCESS OF ACHIEVING AGREEMENT ON A MAJOR ISSUES PAPER, AND HENCE DID NOT SUGGEST IT.)

PRINCIPLE FIVE

MAJOR ISSUES:

1. DELETE THE PHRASE "PEOPLES OF THEIR COUNTRIES"
AND INSERT "THE TWO COUNTRIES." (COMMENT: PANAMA DOES
NOT THINK MUCH OF A RELATIONSHIP THAT DOES NOT DERIVE
FROM GOVERNMENTS.)

PRINCIPLE EIGHT

MAJOR ISSUES:

1. CHANGE THE PHRASE "TO ENLARGE" TO "THAT WOULD
ENLARGE." (COMMENT: AN EDITORIAL CHANGE ONLY.)
JORDEN UNQUOTE RUSH

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